Corporation of India (FCI) has its units at Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh), Ramagundam (Andhra Pradesh), Sindri (Jharkhand), Talcher (Orissa), Korba (Chhattisgarh) and Jodhpur Mining Organisation (JMO) (Rajasthan). All units of FCI except JMO, which has been demerged into a new company under the name of "FCI Aravalli Gypsum and Minerals India Ltd.", have been closed down as per the Government decision as they were not found techno-economically viable. In the light of the Government's Common Minimum Programme (CMP), the issue regarding the revival of the closed Fertilizer Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) is being re-examined based on market demand and their techno-economic viability.

(c) and (d) The PSUs have produced 29.49 lakh MT of Nitrogenous and 2.84 lakh MT of Phosphatic fertilizers during 2003-04. The PSUs contribute only part of the total demand and rest is met by production from cooperatives/private companies as well as through imports.

Subsidy on fertilizers

93. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minsiter of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering decrease in the amount of subsidies on fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the amount of fertilizer subsidy paid during the last five years and proposed to be paid during 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN): (a) to (d) There is no proposal to decrease subsidy/concession on fertilizers. The amount of subsidy/

concession paid on fertilizers during the last five years is given in the table below:

(Rs. in crore)

Period	Amount of Subsidy paid on urea	Amount of concession paid on decontrolled Phosphatic and potassic fertilizers
1999-2000	8744.07	4500.00
2000-01	9480.98	4319.00
2001-02	8304.34	4503.52
2002-03	7790.00	3224.52
2003-04	8521.00	3326.00
2004-05 (up to 30.6.2004)	3338.11	1032.94

During the current financial year, the Department has asked for additional funds to the tune of Rs. 4950 crore over the budget estimate of 8143 crore in respect of urea and Rs. 1428 crore over the budget estimate of Rs. 4046 crore in respect of decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers due to increase in subsidy/concession expenditure on account of steep increase in cost of raw materials/inputs used in the manufacture of fertilizers.

Demand and supply position of fertilizers

94. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the demand and supply of fertilizers during the last five years; year-wise and item-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a huge gap between demand and supply and thereby affecting the productivity of agriculture;

(c) the measures Government have taken or propose to take to cut down demand and supply gap; and